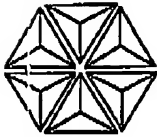


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Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated August 17, 2006, a response to which is due November 17, 2006, with a shortened statutory period for reply. This response is deemed to be timely filed. However, if any fee is deemed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

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